

199. DENDROCYGNA VIDUATA.

Dendrocygna viduata (Linn.) ; Sharpe, B. S. Afr. p. 751.
Lake Shirwa, Dec.

200. DENDROCYGNA FULVA.

Dendrocygna fulva (Gm.) ; Heugl. Orn. N.O.-Afr. iv. p. 1301.

Lake Shirwa, Dec. Four specimens. This is the first instance I know of this species being found so far south.

201. PÆCILONETTA ERYTHRORHYNCHA.

Pæcilonetta erythrorhyncha (Gm.) ; Sharpe, B. S. Afr. p. 754.

Lake Shirwa, Dec. Four specimens.

202. ANAS SPARSA.

Anas sparsa, Smith ; Sharpe, B. S. Afr. p. 756.
Zomba, Oct.

203. QUERQUEDULA HOTTENTOTTA.

Querquedula hottentotta, Smith ; Sharpe, B. S. Afr. p. 757.
Lake Shirwa, Dec. Two specimens.

204. PHALACROCORAX AFRICANUS.

Phalacrocorax africanus (Gm.) ; Sharpe, B. S. Afr. p. 781.
Upper Shiré River, Nov. ; Lake Shirwa, Dec. The specimen obtained in December is a young bird.

205. PLOTUS LEVAILLANTI.

Plotus levaillanti, Licht. ; Sharpe, B. S. Afr. p. 782.
Upper Shiré River, Nov.

II.—*On some Birds from Bugotu, Solomon Islands, and Santa Cruz.* By H. B. TRISTRAM, D.D., F.R.S.

(Plate III.)

THROUGH the kind assistance of my friend Dr. P. H. Metcalfe, I have received two small collections of birds from the Solomon group and its vicinity: one from Santa Cruz, collected for me by Mr. Forrest, of the Melanesian Mission, and the other from Bugotu, collected by the Rev. Dr. Welchman.

Both collections, though small, add to our previous knowledge of the avifauna of these islands ; and as there are some birds among them which appear to be hitherto undescribed, I venture to send a list of the species, with descriptions and notes.

I. BIRDS FROM BUGOTU.

There are a few specimens belonging to species included in the list from Bugotu which I published last year (*Ibis*, 1892, p. 293). There are examples of my new species *Grauculus nigrifrons*, also of *Gr. elegans*, Rams., *Pachycephala astrolabi*, Hombr. & Jacq., *Monarcha castaneiventris*, Verr., *Myiagra ferrocyanea*, Rams., *Myzomela lafargii*, Hombr. & Jacq., *Calornis metallica* (Temm.) ; all these were also included in last year's consignment.

The following are additions to the Bugotu list :—

1. **MONARCHA BRODIEI**, Rams.

Native name " Biubirukoilo."

2. **DICÆUM ÆNEUM**, Jacq. & Puch.

Native name " Piu."

3. **CALORNIS CANTOROIDES**, Gr.

Native name " Gothe."

4. **ZOSTEROPS METCALFII**, sp. nov. (Plate III. fig. 1.)

Native name " Ngeu."

Z. capite et corpore toto superiore lœtè olivaceis : remigibus et rectricibus fuscis, pogoniis externis olivaceis : loris nigris : annulo conspicuo sericeo oculos cingente : mento, thorace, et summo pectore flavis : imo pectore albo, cinereo ad umbrato: abdome albo : subcaudalibus flavis : rostro, tarsis, et pedibus brunneis.

Long. tot. 4·5 poll., alæ 2·5, caudæ 1·7, tarsi 1·7.

This *Zosterops* belongs to the large group with the yellow throat and white or whitish abdomen. Its nearest allies are *Z. griseiventer* and *Z. novæ-guineæ*, from the former of which it may easily be distinguished by its much larger size, and by the flanks being white instead of dull ashy ; and from the latter by its larger size, the purity of its white flanks, and its paler yellow throat.

The collection contains two specimens. I have much pleasure in naming this new species after my friend Dr. P. H. Metcalfe, to whose kind assistance I am so deeply indebted.

As a companion to this bird I give a figure (Pl. III. fig. 2) of *Zosterops rendoræ*, of Rendova Island in the same group, which I described in 'The Ibis' for 1882, p. 135. Concerning this species see also Dr. Gadow, Cat. Birds, vol. ix. p. 188.

5. *MACROCORAX VEGETUS*, sp. nov.

Native name "Aao."

Macrococaci woodfordi simillima, magnitudine exceptâ: niger: capite, collo, et pectore viridi-nitente, eorpore toto suprà purpureo-nitente: rostro carneo, apice nigro: tarsis et pedibus nigris.

Long. tot. 18·6 poll., alæ 12·0, caudæ 6·3, tarsi 2·1, rostri à rictu 2·6, culm. alt. 1·2.

For comparison, I subjoin the measurements of *M. woodfordi* :—Long. tot. 15·5 poll., alæ 10·3, caudæ 5, tarsi 2, rostri 2·3.

The difference in size, to all appearance, is as great as that between a Rook and a Jackdaw. The culmen is very much more arched, and the bill out of all proportion more massive than in *M. woodfordi*.

6. *EOS CARDINALIS* (Bodd.).

Native name "Siviri."

7. *TRICHOGLOSSUS MASSENA*, Bp.

Native name "Kuliri."

8. *HALCYON LEUCOPYGIA*, Verr.

Native name "Jojotana."

9. *HALCYON SACRA* (Gm.).

10. *UROSPIZIAS*, sp. inc.

Native name "Tuitui."

This bird, a young female, I have not yet been able to identify satisfactorily, but I believe it will prove to be *U. etorques*, Salvad.

11. *ANOUS MELANOGENYS* (Gr.).

Native name "Manubo."

II. BIRDS FROM SANTA CRUZ ISLAND.

This collection consists of twenty specimens, representing eight species. They are interesting, as I cannot find that any ornithologist has yet explored this island, the inhabitants of which bear an ill repute. I am indebted for my specimens to Mr. Forrest, of Bishop Selwyn's Melanesian Mission.

One species is certainly undescribed—a very remarkable *Zosterops* of the same aberrant group as *Z. rendovæ*, but larger and with a powerful bill, which I do not think is equalled by any other species of the group. I venture, therefore, to characterize it as

1. *ZOSTEROPS SANCTÆ-CRUCIS*, sp. nov.

Capite et dorso olivaceis, pileo subtiliter striato : loris fuscis : annulo arctissimo plumarum albarum oculos cingente : remigibus et rectricibus fusco-nigris, pogoniis externis olivaceo-marginatis : thorace et pectore pallidè olivaceis : abdomine et subcaudalibus pallidè flavidis : mandibulâ superiore brunneâ, inferiore ad basin albidâ : tarsis et pedibus fuscis.

Long. tot. 5·3 poll., alæ 2·6, caudæ 1·9, tarsi 0·9.

This species has no connection with Hartlaub's genus *Tephras*, inasmuch as its tail is perfectly square.

2. *MYZOMELA PULCHERRIMA*, Rams.

I can detect no difference between this and typical specimens from Ugi.

3. *LALAGE PACIFICA* (Gm.).4. *APLONIS RUFIPENNIS*, Layard.5. *COLLOCALIA ESCULENTA* (L.).6. *PTILOPUS GREYI*, Gr.7. *ANAS SUPERCILIOSA*, Gm.8. *TOTANUS INCANUS*, Vieill.

